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101ST FORWARD SUPPORT BATTALION TO HOST SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY

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Soldiers from the 101st Forward Support Battalion have been traveling to Sheridan Elementary in Junction City each week this semester to mentor students. Now they are inviting some of the students to come to Fort Riley to see what they do as Soldiers.

"It gives the kids a feel for what we do, what our job is, and it gives them a feel for our environment," said Sgt. First Class Karen Monigan of 101st FSB.

The students are scheduled to arrive at 9 a.m. May 5 at Building 8410. Planned activities include a convoy operations activity, a night vision station, a physical training station, a medic station, a static vehicle display and a drill and ceremony station.

The convoy operations activity will allow students outfitted with Kevlar helmets to travel in a four-vehicle convoy to and from a destination 10 minutes away. The night vision station will allow the students to wear night vision goggles. At the static vehicle display, students will be allowed to get inside military vehicles. "It's a way for them to see how we Soldier," Monigan said.

Each station will last approximately 20 minutes, and the events will conclude around 11:45 a.m. There are about 80 fourth- and fifth-graders expected to attend. According to Monigan, Soldiers from the 101st FSB have been spending about two hours per week at Sheridan Elementary listening to students read, joining them for their outdoor activities and helping them with their homework. Most of the Soldiers have been working with the same student throughout the semester. The Soldiers plan to continue the program next school year.

Media interested in attending the event must R.S.V.P. to the Public Affairs Office at 785-239-2222 by noon May 4. Media should report to the Public Affairs Office by 8:30 a.m. May 5. Adults entering the installation will need to show a state- or government-issued photo ID, and drivers will need to show current proof of insurance and vehicle registration.